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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, addressing the merits of the application including requiring affirmation of a telephone election.

An Election of the Invention is made on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

## Election of the Invention

Applicant hereby affirms the election to prosecute the Invention of Group I covered by claims 1–9 and 17–20.